

to prove that he was the Son of God?

B. No, there was a still greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in him in order to show us that he came to die not only for our sins, but for our sickness, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which he made on the cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah liv; 4, 5 it is written of him, "Surely he hath borne our griefs [Hebrew *sicknesses*], and carried our sorrows, and with his stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in Chapter viii: 17th, verse, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah, the prophet, saying, himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be, for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of "destroying the works of the Devil." [I John iii: 8.]

A. Do you mean to say that all diseases are the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin [which came through Satan] there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done easily. You will see in Matthew iv: 23 and ix 35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, "he healed every sickness and every disease among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts x: 38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that he [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that

all whom he healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

A. No, it cannot come from God for he is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's word say? God has said in all the ages to his church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," [Exodus xv: 26,] and therefore, it would be wicked to say that he is the defiler of his people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when he says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." [Matthew vii: 18.]

A. But, even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the gifts of healing were removed from the church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "gifts of healings" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true church of God: for it is written: "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance." [Romans xi: 29] There are nine gifts of God to the church, [enumerated in I Corinthians, xii: 8 to 11,] and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to him for forgiveness of the sins which may have

caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely, first by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew viii: 5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew xviii: 19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James v: 14, 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark xvi: 18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes in thousands of cases. During the last eight years, I have myself laid hands upon over 13,000 persons, and I have seen the Lord's power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in this country, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, ect.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith, I am at present conscious, I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced on the fourth page of this tract. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of